

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 30-A: MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES
HEADING: PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (new)

Chapter 113: CONSOLIDATION, SECESSION AND
ANNEXATION HEADING: PL 1995, c. 377, §1 (rpr)

§2152. JOINT CHARTER COMMISSION

1. Petition. The voters of a municipality may file a petition in the municipal office that must:

A. Be addressed to the municipal officers; [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

B. Be signed by at least 10% of the voters of that municipality, except that only 1,000 signatures are necessary in municipalities of 10,000 or more voters; [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

C. Propose that the municipality be consolidated with another municipality, or other municipalities, named in the petition; and [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

D. Request that 3 persons be elected by the voters of the municipality to serve as members of a joint charter commission for the purpose of drafting a consolidation agreement. [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

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2. Joint charter commission. If a petition is filed as required under subsection 1, the 3 members of a joint charter commission shall be elected at the next special or regular election in the manner provided for the election of municipal officers. The election of members by 2 or more municipalities authorizes the commission to draft the consolidation agreement. If a municipality does not elect members, it may not participate in the consolidation.

[1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD) .]

3. Consolidation agreement. The joint charter commission shall draft an agreement between the consolidating municipalities which includes:

A. The names of the municipalities; [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

B. The name under which it is proposed to consolidate, which must be distinguishable from the name of any other municipality in the State, other than the consolidating municipalities; [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

C. The property, real and personal, belonging to each municipality, and its fair value; [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

D. The indebtedness, bonded and otherwise, of each municipality; [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

E. The proposed name and location of the municipal office; [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

F. The proposed charter; [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

G. The terms for apportioning tax rates to service the existing bonded indebtedness of the respective municipalities; and [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

H. Any other necessary and proper facts and terms. [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

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4. Submission of consolidation agreement. The consolidation agreement shall be submitted to the voters of each municipality at a municipal election after notice and hearing as provided in paragraphs A and B. The consolidation agreement may be amended, provided that the amended agreement meets the notice and hearing requirements of paragraphs A and B. Upon approval of a majority of those voting in each of 2 or more municipalities, the consolidation agreement becomes effective, according to its terms, in those municipalities.

A. The municipal officers of each municipality shall hold a public hearing on the consolidation agreement. The public hearing may be held on more than one day, provided that it adjourns permanently at least 10 days before the election. [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

B. The municipal officers shall notify the voters of each municipality of the consolidation agreement and of the time and place of the public hearing in the same manner that the voters of each municipality are notified of ordinances to be enacted. This notice must be given at least 30 days before the election and at least 10 days before the hearing. [1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

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